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December 1, 2009

Mr. Timothy E. Eastep, Manager Environment, Land & Water Department Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Chino Mines Company P.O. Box 7 Hurley, New Mexico 88043 RECEIVED

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RE:

Approval of the Completion Report, Three Small Stockpiles Interim Remedial Action Hanover and Whitewater Creeks Investigation Unit (H/WCIU)

Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC)

Dear Mr. Eastep:

The Ground Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) received the above referenced Completion Report, dated October 29, 2009, on November 2, 2009. NMED has reviewed the Report and approves that Report.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 388-1934.

Sincerely,

Phil Harrigan, Chino AOC Project Manager Mining Environmental Compliance Section Ground Water Quality Bureau New Mexico Environment Department Silver City Field Office

cc: Mary Ann Menetrey, NMED
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